

TIME TO EXPAND AMERICAN ENERGY EXPLORATION

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, American families are preparing for the holiday season and doing so by paying the highest fuel prices in 2 years.

In addition to gasoline, heating oil and diesel prices are expected to increase year over year for the first time since 2008, and analysts are predicting oil will hit \$100 a barrel very soon. At a time when our economy is struggling to recover, such skyrocketing energy prices could be catastrophic.

This is why it makes no sense the administration recently announced plans to cancel further energy exploration and development in deep offshore areas. These sources of American energy are known to contain more than 86 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

This decision to prevent energy development hurts our economy and costs American jobs. Let's give Americans what they deserve. The time is now to expand exploration of American energy resources.

STOP SHOOTING CHILDREN

(Mr. BAIRD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAIRD. My colleagues, it is time to call on our allies in the State of Israel to stop shooting children.

Since March of this year, 17 children have been shot by Israeli snipers near the border of Gaza, shot for the crime of picking up small pieces of rock to use for aggregate because the Israeli blockade is preventing construction materials from coming into Gaza. Seventy percent of these children were shot while doing this activity beyond the 300-meter unilaterally imposed security zone. Young children and adults are picking up small pieces of gravel because they cannot import concrete to rebuild schools, hospitals, clinics and water treatment facilities without it.

Let us call upon our allies in the State of Israel to stop shooting children, to prosecute those who have shot children, and to lift the blockade to allow raw materials in and economic prosperity to succeed.

On this Human Rights Day it's the least we can do.

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SUPPLY AND DEMAND

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, a recent headline in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution talked about the scarcity of heating fuel,

which sent prices through the roof. By contrast, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported on a drop in utility bills in the area due to Marcellus Shale drilling in Pennsylvania. Both are classic examples of such supply and demand.

Heating fuel in Atlanta is fed, in great part, by the production of offshore oil and natural gas reserves from the Gulf of Mexico. Unfortunately, last week vast amounts of our own oil and natural gas reserves off the Atlantic and Pacific coast were placed off limits by the White House, limiting production and, as a result, supply.

Secretary of the Interior Salazar, through regulation, not legislation, removed nearly all of our vast offshore oil and natural gas reserves from the production process. The result, not one barrel of oil or cubic foot of natural gas owned by other citizens will be produced until at least 2022.

In Pennsylvania, recent development of Marcellus Shale natural gas has brought the opposite effect. A lower rate from the Philadelphia Gas Works will save the average customer almost \$15 per month.

The solution is obvious, and Congress should reclaim its jurisdiction over our energy future.

THE DREAM ACT

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, for the past three Congresses, I've been an enthusiastic cosponsor of the DREAM Act, which I see as an essential component of comprehensive immigration reform.

No child raised in America should be permanently penalized for the immigration status of their parents. The DREAM Act gives young people a chance to contribute to the United States, often the only country they know. I've heard from many high school students in my district who have done everything right, but discover when they apply to college that they are not a citizen, that the doors of education and a better life they have worked for so hard are closed to them.

The U.S. has a proud tradition of welcoming immigrants who want to work hard and play by the rules and build a better life for themselves and their families. The DREAM Act comes from that tradition. It will make our economy, military, and Nation stronger.

Yesterday evening I was proud to cast an "aye" vote on the rule to bring the DREAM Act to the floor. I was not on the floor later that night and missed the final vote on the act. Had I been present, I would have enthusiastically voted "aye," and I urge my Senate colleagues to take up the legislation in the remaining days of the 111th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID EXTENDERS ACT OF 2010

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce taxpayer burdens and enhance taxpayer protections, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendments is as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. *Short title; table of contents.*

TITLE I—EXTENSIONS

Sec. 101. *Physician payment update.*

Sec. 102. *Extension of MMA section 508 reclassifications.*

Sec. 103. *Extension of Medicare work geographic adjustment floor.*

Sec. 104. *Extension of exceptions process for Medicare therapy caps.*

Sec. 105. *Extension of payment for technical component of certain physician pathology services.*

Sec. 106. *Extension of ambulance add-ons.*

Sec. 107. *Extension of physician fee schedule mental health add-on payment.*

Sec. 108. *Extension of outpatient hold harmless provision.*

Sec. 109. *Extension of Medicare reasonable costs payments for certain clinical diagnostic laboratory tests furnished to hospital patients in certain rural areas.*

Sec. 110. *Extension of the qualifying individual (QI) program.*

Sec. 111. *Extension of Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA).*

Sec. 112. *Special diabetes programs.*

TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. *Clarification of effective date of part B special enrollment period for disabled TRICARE beneficiaries.*

Sec. 202. *Repeal of delay of RUG-IV.*

Sec. 203. *Clarification for affiliated hospitals for distribution of additional residency positions.*

Sec. 204. *Continued inclusion of orphan drugs in definition of covered outpatient drugs with respect to children's hospitals under the 340B drug discount program.*

Sec. 205. *Medicaid and CHIP technical corrections.*

Sec. 206. *Funding for claims reprocessing.*

Sec. 207. *Revision to the Medicare Improvement Fund.*

Sec. 208. *Limitations on aggregate amount recovered on reconciliation of the health insurance tax credit and the advance of that credit.*

Sec. 209. *Determination of budgetary effects.*